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Report of the Chief of the Fire Force for the Year 1907

City of Terre Haute, Indiana

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

CHIEF OF FIRE FORCE

OF THE

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FOR THE YEAR 1907

To the Board of Public Safety

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Report of Chief of Fire Force

FOR THE YEAR 1907

To the Honorable Mayor, James Lyons, and Members of the Board of Public Safety:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit for your approval my report of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1907.

Total amount appropriated for the year 1907, for the Fire Force Pay Roll	$55,573.00
Claims audited	55,573.00
Total amount appropriated for the year 1907, Fire Force Acct.	$10,464.00
Extra appropriation	1,500.00
Claims audited	$11,963.94
Balance unexpended	.06
There was a balance for the equipment of the new fire house No. 10 of	$ 854.12
Of which I expended	89.84
Balance for equipment	$ 764.28
I have also turned over to the clerk of the Board of Safety	$ 132.26

During the year the Department responded to 280 alarms. This includes "Stills" by telephone, A. D. T., and own system.

Total amount loss on buildings and contents	$95,794.14
Total amount insurance carried on building and contents	296,554.88

LOSS AND INSURANCE BY MONTHS.

	Loss	Insurance
January	$ 2,415.00	$ 21,700.00
February	57,567.78	102,716.88
March	21,022.44	31,635.00
April	3,668.85	29,950.00
May	2,130.22	11,300.00
June	1,885.00	5,425.00
July	2,359.00	8,900.00
August	1,597.25	17,500.00
September	822.00	15,650.00
October	560.40	9,100.00
November	603.80	18,168.00
December	1,157.40	25,520.00
	$ 95,794.14	$297,554.88

MANUAL OF FIRE FORCE.

The Fire Department proper, at the present time consists of sixty-six members as follows:

Chief	1
Assistants	2
Supt. fire alarm telegraph	1
Assistant Supt. Fire Alarm Telegraph	1
Captains	9
Drivers	16
Hosemen	20
Laddermen	11
Engineers	3
Regular extras	2
	66

There are two names on the pay roll, not active members, who receive pay from this department, Mr. Taylor Bledsoe, clerk to the Board of Safety, and Dr. Joseph Frisz, examining physician.

APPARATUS.

The apparatus of the department consists of the following. Two new Ahrens engines, third class, styled "Continental"; two Jeffers engines, one in service, one in reserve in first-class repair; four combination chemical and hose wagons, six hose wagons, one Babcock double tank chemical engine, one aerial extension ladder truck, two village trucks, one chief's buggy, two assistant chiefs' buggies, one superintendent of fire alarm buggy; also one spring wagon for same, one old four-wheel reel in reserve, one coal wagon, and 36 head of horses. All horses in active service.

HOSE COMPANY No. 1.

The quarters of this company are located at the junction of Third Street and Lafayette Avenue. The building is a narrow two-story brick, built in 1851 for volunteer service. Value of lot and improvements, $3,000.00 This lot extends back to Fourth Street. Value of personal property in charge of the company is as follows:

Hose wagon	$ 346.75	
Chief's horse, buggy and harness	500.00	
Two horses and harness	450.00	
Hose, 800 ft., cotton	560.00	
House furnishing	75.00	
Miscellaneous	75.00	
Feed	51.00	
Personal		$ 2,057 75
Lot and improvements		3,000.00
		$ 5,057 75

ENGINE COMPANY No. 2.

The quarters of this company are at the N. E. corner of Fourth and Farrington Streets. The building is a two-story brick, built in 1875 to fit all the old iron work, windows and doors of a volunteer house which was torn down on Fourth Street between Ohio and Walnut Street the same year. Value of lot improvements, $6,500.00. Value of personal property as follows:

One Ahrens (Continental) steam fire engine	$ 4,500.00	
Two horses and harness for same	400.00	
One hose wagon	368.85	
Two horses and harness for same,	450.00	
Hose, 800 ft. in wagon, 350 ft. in tower	805.00	
House furnishing	90.00	
Miscellaneous	75.00	
Feed	103.37	
Personal		$ 6,792.22
Lot and improvements		6,500.00
		$13,292.22

ENGINE COMPANY No. 8.

This company is located at the N E. corner of Thirteenth and Chase Streets. Building is a two-story brick, built in 1884. Is too small in almost every particular. Value of lot and improvements, $6,500.00. Value of personal property as follows:

One Jeffers steam fire engine	$ 1,500.00	
One hose wagon	400.00	
Two horses and harness for engine	450.00	
Two horses and harness for hose wagon	450.00	
Hose, 800 ft. in wagon, 400 in tower	840.00	
House furnishing	75.00	
Miscellaneous	75.00	
Feed	157.98	
Personal		$ 3,947.98
Lot and improvements		6,500.00
		$10,447.98

CHEMICAL COMPANY No. 1—HOSE COMPANY No. 4.

These companies are located on Third Street between Wabash Avenue and Cherry Streets. Building is a two-story, built in 1887. The hospital and old brick stable is in the rear of this building. Value of lot and improvements, $15,000.00. Value of personal property of these companies is as follows:

Chemical engine	$ 1,500.00	
Two horses and harness for same	450.00	
Hose wagon	419.00	
Two horses and harness for same	450.00	
Hose, 750 ft. in wagon, 450 ft. in tower	840.00	
House furnishing	75.00	
Miscellaneous	75.00	
Feed	175.24	
Personal		$ 3,984.24
Lot and improvements		15,000.00
		$18,984.24

HOSPITAL STABLE—CONTENTS.

One fire alarm wagon and harness	$ 75.00	
One old extra four-wheel reel	150.00	
One horse	80.00	
Miscellaneous	15.00	
		$ 320.00

AERIAL TRUCK COMPANY No. 1.—HOSE COMPANY No. 5.

The quarters of these two companies, which is the central station, is located on South Ninth Street between Wabash Avenue and Ohio Street. The building is a two and one half story brick, built in 1885. The assistant chief's buggy, also the telegraph apparatus or fire alarm system is installed at this house as is also the supplies for the department. Value of lot and improvements, $17,000.00 Value of personal property as follows:

Aerial truck	$ 3,200.00	
Two horses and harness	500.00	
Hose wagon, combination chemical	1,500.00	
Two horses and harness	450.00	
Hose, 500 ft. in wagon, 250 in tower	525.00	
Two assistant chiefs' buggies and harness	400.00	
House furnishing	300.00	
Office furnishing	100.00	
Supplies on hand in store room	400.00	
Miscellaneous	90.00	
Feed	229.00	
Superintendent fire alarm buggy and harness	175.00	
Personal		$ 7,869.00
Lot and improvements		17,000.00
		$24,869.00

TRUCK COMPANY No. 3.—HOSE COMPANY No. 6.

These companies are located at the N. W corner of Thirteenth and Crawford Streets. Building is a two-story brick, built in 1887. Value of lot and improvements is $7,000.00. Value of personal property as follows:

One village truck	$ 1,800.00	
Two horses and harness	450.00	
Hose wagon	850.00	
Two horses and harness for same	450.00	
Hose, 800 ft. in wagon	580.00	
House furnishing	75.00	
Miscellaneous	75.00	
Feed	118.75	
Personal		$ 3,378.75
Lot improvements		7,000.00
		$10,378.75

TRUCK COMPANY No. 2.—HOSE COMPANY No. 7.

These companies are located at Ninth Street and Eighth Avenue. The building is a two-story brick, built in 1891. Value of lot and improvements, $9,000.00. Value of personal property as follows:

One combination truck and chemical	$ 2,000.00	
Two horses and harness for same	450.00	
One hose wagon	350.00	
Two horses and harness for same	450.00	
House furnishing	100.00	
Miscellaneous	75.00	
Feed	135.26	
Hose, 750 ft. in wagon	625.00	
Personal		$ 4,085.26
Lot and improvements		9,000.00
		$13,085.26

ENGINE COMPANY No. 6.

This company is located at the corner of Nineteenth Street and Wabash Avenue. Building is a modern two-story brick, built in 1906. Value of lot and improvements, $12,000.00. Value of personal property as follows:

One Ahrens third-class (Continental) fire engine	$ 4,500.00	
Two horses and harness for same	500.00	
One combination chemical and hose wagon	900.00	
Two horses and harness for same	500.00	
Hose, 800 ft. in wagon, 300 ft. in tower	770.00	
House furnishing	300.00	
Miscellaneous, including furnace	575.00	
Feed	189.20	
Personal		$ 8,284.20
Lot and improvements		12,000.00
		$20,284.20

HOSE COMPANY No. 9.

This company is located at the corner of Eighth and Idaho Streets and is a new building, built in 1906. Building is a two-story brick. Value of lot and improvements, $8,253.00, including furnace. Value of personal property as follows:

One combination chemical and hose wagon	$ 900.00	
Two horses and harness	475.00	
Hose, 800 ft. in wagon, 400 ft. in tower	340.00	
House furnishing	300.00	
Miscellaneous	50.00	
Feed	119.53	
Personal		$ 2,684.53
Lot and improvement		8,253.00
		$10,937.53

FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH.

The fire alarm telegraph consists of 60 miles of wire; ninety-five alarm boxes, eleven 16-inch gongs, six small spring gongs, one eight-circuit switch board, one non-interfering eight-circuit repeater, two motor generators and 230 cells of storage battery. Estimated value, $45,000.00.

The following is the approximate value of real estate and personal property:

Hose Company No. 1	$ 5,057 75	
Engine Company No. 2	13,292.25	
Engine Company No. 3	10,447.95	
Chemical Company No. 1 Hose Company No. 4	18,934.25	
Aerial Truck Company No. 1 Hose Company No. 5	24,869.00	
Truck Company No. 3—Hose Company No. 6	10,378.75	
Truck Company No. 2—Hose Company No. 7	13,085.25	
Engine Company No. 8	20,284.20	
Hose Company No. 9	10,937.55	
Hospital Stable	320.00	
Total		$127,606.95
Hose Company No. 10, lot and improvements		11,000.00
Fire alarm telegraph		45,000.00
		$183,606.95

MEMBERS TERRE HAUTE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

JOHN KENNEDY, Chief.

ALBERT SHUSTER, Assistant Chief. HARRY BLEDSOE, Supt. Fire Alarm.

JAMES A. CAUGHLIN, Second Asst. Chief. CARL EVINGER, Asst. Supt. Fire Alarm.

HOSE COMPANY No. 1.

Name	Age	Rank	Nativity	Height	Weight
Filmore Smith	52	Captain	North Carolina	5 ft. 10½ in.	
Charles Holbert	39	Driver	Indiana	5 ft. 8 in.	
Robert Smith	41	Hoseman	North Carolina	5 ft. 8 in.	
Nathan Tootle	39	Hoseman	Indiana	5 ft. 11 in.	

ENGINE COMPANY No. 2.

John Renzenbrink	43	Captain	Indiana	5 ft. 11½ in.	
William F. Jones	59	Engineer	Ohio	5 ft. 7 in.	
Charles M. Peyton	47	Driver	Indiana	6 ft.	
William Lewis	48	Driver	Indiana	5 ft. 9½ in.	
George Braudenberg	27	Hoseman	Indiana	5 ft. 7 in.	
Claud Wilkerson	28	Hoseman	Indiana	5 ft. 7 in.	

ENGINE COMPANY No. 3.

John Falvey	36	Captain	Indiana	6 ft. ½ in.	
John Comoford	48	Engineer	Illinois	5 ft. 8 in.	
Michael Shay	45	Driver	Indiana	5 ft. 7½ in.	
Frank Eddy	39	Driver	Indiana	5 ft. 8 in.	
George Anderson	47	Hoseman	Indiana	5 ft. 7½ in.	
Michael Scanlon	47	Hoseman	Ireland	5 ft. 10 in.	

HOSE COMPANY No. 4.

Ralph Dinkle	25	Captain	Indiana	5 ft. 8 in.	
Harry Finley	25	Driver	Indiana	5 ft. 7½ in.	
John McKennie	40	Hoseman	Indiana	5 ft. 9½ in.	
Frank Easter	42	Hoseman	Indiana	5 ft. 8 in.	

HOSE COMPANY No. 5.

Name	Age	Rank	Nativity	Height	Weight
John Bayless	27	Lieutenant	Indiana	5 ft. 8 in.	
Arthur Ballinger	37	Driver	Kentucky	6 ft. 7 in.	
George Hickman	29	Hoseman	Indiana	5 ft. 7 in.	
Michael Hines	24	Hoseman	Indiana	5 ft. 7¾ in.	

HOSE COMPANY No. 6.

Peter Hoofnagle	44	Captain	Ohio	5 ft. 9 in.	
William O'Connell	36	Driver	Indiana	5 ft. 8 in.	
Cornelius Walsh	39	Hoseman	Indiana	5 ft. 6½ in.	
Alonzo Pease	31	Hoseman	Illinois	5 ft. 8 in.	

HOSE COMPANY No. 7.

George Leisey	32	Captain	Indiana	5 ft. 9 in.	
Charles Elam	27	Driver	Indiana	5 ft. 11 in.	
Robert Cowan	48	Hoseman	Scotland	5 ft. 6 in.	
Elmer Dawson	36	Hoseman	Indiana	5 ft. 10 in.	

ENGINE COMPANY No. 8.

Charley Schulmeyer	51	Captain	Indiana	5 ft. 6 in.	
George Hoffman	36	Engineer	Indiana	5 ft. 6 in.	
Frank Heubel	34	Driver	Germany	5 ft. 8 in.	
John McConnell	55	Driver	Indiana	5 ft. 8 in.	
William Apmann	40	Hoseman	Indiana	5 ft. 10½ in.	
W. S. Dennis	28	Hoseman	Indiana	5 ft. 11 in.	

HOSE COMPANY No. 9.

Oliver Strain	43	Captain	Indiana	5 ft. 8½ in.	
Wilber Howk	34	Driver	Indiana	5 ft. 6½ in.	
Enos Boyd	32	Hoseman	Illinois	5 ft. 8 in.	
John McClellan	58	Hoseman	Indiana	5 ft. 8½ in.	

CHEMICAL COMPANY No. 1.

Name	Age	Rank	Nativity	Height	Weight
Edwin Yeakle	43	Lieutenant	Indiana	5 ft. 9 in.	
William McConnell	58	Driver	Illinois	5 ft. 6 in.	
George R. Early	50	Hoseman	Indiana	5 ft 7 in.	
Harry Cole	26	Hoseman	Indiana	5 ft. 7½ in.	

AERIAL TRUCK COMPANY No. 1.

Frank Miller	34	Captain	Illinois	5 ft. 11½ in.	
John Roll	35	Driver	Kansas	5 ft. 7½ in.	
Joseph Davern	45	Ladderman	Indiana	5 ft. 9 in.	
Anton Bomberg	27	Ladderman	Indiana	5 ft. 8 in.	
James Knucky	35	Ladderman	New York	5 ft. 10½ in.	

TRUCK COMPANY No. 2.

John Sohn	25	Lieutenant	New York	5 ft. 10½ in.	
Charles Gristow	51	Driver	Germany	5 ft. 6 in.	
William Shannon	45	Ladderman	New York	5 ft. 7½ in.	
Carl Allen	29	Ladderman	Indiana	5 ft. 11¾ in.	

TRUCK COMPANY No. 3.

William Morlock	56	Lieutenant	Germany	5 ft 9 in.	
William Blunk	26	Driver	Indiana	5 ft. 9½ in.	
William McNabney	26	Ladderman	Indiana	5 ft. 11 in.	
Michael Cravens	48	Ladderman	Indiana	5 ft. 6½ in.	

EXTRA MEN.

Theodore Parker	22	Extra	Indiana	5 ft. 9⅛ in.	
Charles Wilson	28	Extra	Illinois.	5 ft. 9 in.	

I will renew my recommendations of my last year's report in regard to building a new fire headquarters so as to enable me to place the new fire engines in the main or business part of the city, and also to remodeling the different fire houses.

In conclusion I wish to return my sincere thanks to His Honor, the Mayor, and to the members of the Board of Public Safety for the many courtesies extended and the able manner in which you have conducted the affairs of this department.

To the members of the department I also extend my thanks for the prompt and faithful manner in which they have responded to calls and the willingness which they have shown while laboring in behalf of those who look to them for protection, for I feel that the gratifying success of the past year is owing chiefly to their valorous and efficient work. I desire to thank the city officers and members of the Police Department for their excellent work at fires and for the kindness they have shown me at all times.

To my Assistant Chiefs and Superintendent of Fire Alarm, Messrs. Shuster, Caughlin and Bledsoe, I desire to return thanks for their every day assistance.

JOHN KENNEDY,
Chief Fire Department.